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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. Lansing, MI.

Senate Finance Committee members present: Cassis (C), Gilbert (Maj. VC), McManus, Jansen, Prusi (Min. VC), Jacobs, and Whitmer.

Senate Finance Committee members absent: none

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

SB 838 Sen. Cassis - Use tax; collections; application of tax to certain services; repeal.

Chris Smith representing Smith Tree & Landscape Service gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Smith then answered questions from committee members.

Wayne Bullen representing Michigan Council of Private Investigators and WB Investigations gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Bullen then answered questions from committee members.

Brad McKouen representing a small business temporary employment agency gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. McKouen then answered questions from committee members.

Deborah Pringle and Ryan Rowinski representing Visions of Paradise Landscape Company gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Pringle then answered questions from committee members.

Tony Anthony representing AKT Peerless Environmental gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Anthony then answered questions from committee members.

Constance Carr representing Conestoga-Rovers & Associates gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Carr then answered questions from committee members.

Michael Sinda representing Kingdom Lawn and Landscape gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Sinda then answered questions from committee members.

Steve Myers representing Suzuki, Myers & Associates gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Myers then answered questions from committee members.

Dr. Lance Stokes representing ECI Environmental Compliance gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Dr. Stokes then answered questions from committee members.

12Anthony Ralley gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Ralley then answered questions from committee members.

Dan Bywalec representing D & B Landscaping gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Bywalec then answered questions from committee members.

Gary Boverhuf representing Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association and Boverhuf Landscape Service gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Boverhuf then answered questions from committee members.

Amy Frankmann representing Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Frankmann then answered questions from committee members.

Karen Larson and Mark Baldwin members of Michigan Business & Professional Association gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Larson and Mr. Baldwin then answered questions from committee members

Bonnie Bochniak representing Michigan Business & Professional Association and Michigan Food & Beverage Association gave written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax but did not wish to speak.

David Dirven representing ABC Warehouse gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Dirven then answered questions from committee members.

Fred Schlemmer and Mike McIntosh representing SteelPro gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Schlemmer and Mr. McIntosh then answered questions from committee members.

Karl Griffin representing Dart Development gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Griffin then answered questions from committee members.

Thomas Hines representing Seeme Matrix & the Michigan Homeland Security Consortium gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Hines then answered questions from committee members.

Evelyn MacIntyre representing Certified Financial Planning Board gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. MacIntyre then answered questions from committee members.

David Rttoa representing Lake Michigan Mailers gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Rttoa then answered questions from committee members.

Dan Cherney representing Proper Lawn Inc. gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Cherney then answered questions from committee members.

Kevin VanOrd representing Midwest Landscape gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. VanOrd then answered questions from committee members.

John Evans representing Evans Distribution Systems gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Evans then answered questions from committee members.

John Zevelkink representing Columbian Logistics Network gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Zevelkink then answered questions from committee members.

Glen Merkel representing Davis Cartage Company gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Merkel then answered questions from committee members.

John Patterson representing Concentrek Incorporated gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Patterson then answered questions from committee members.

Carol Wagner representing CWT/Travel Plus gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Wagner then answered questions from committee members.

Lisa Hoehn representing Passageways Travel Services gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Hoehn then answered questions from committee members.

John Lovell representing the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Lovell then answered questions from committee members.

Clark Bisbee representing American Society of Travel Agents gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Bisbee then answered questions from committee members.

Roger Loughran representing Midwest Reemployment Consultants d.b.a. Right Management gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Loughran then answered questions from committee members.

Gerald Szpak representing Society of Cleaning and Restoration Technicians gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Szpak then answered questions from committee members.

Linda Thomas representing Coalition for Interior Design Registration gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Thomas then answered questions from committee members.

Maurice Pogoda and Tom Berlin representing Pogoda Companies gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Pogoda and Mr. Berlin then answered questions from committee members.

Timothy DeWitt representing the Self-Storage Association of Michigan gave written testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax but did not wish to speak.

Mike O'Callaghan representing the Detroit Metro Convention Bureau gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. O'Callaghan then answered questions from committee members.

Julie Heinenman representing Certification Consultants gave verbal testimony in support of the repeal of the service tax. Ms. Heinenman then answered questions from committee members.

The following organizations submitted testimony cards in support of the repeal of the service tax on services but did not wish to speak:

Mickey MacWilliams representing Michigan Snowsports Industries Association  
Dawn Crandall representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders  
Chris Fish representing the Associated Builders and Contractors  
Andy Deloney representing the Michigan Restaurant Association  
Charles Owen representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses  
Eric Henning and Greg Gurskey representing General Motors  
Tricia Kinley representing the Michigan Chamber  
Chuck Hadden representing the Michigan Manufacturers  
Larry Julian representing Michigan Contract Security Association  
George Lee representing MBPA  
Steve Yencich representing the Michigan Hotel, Motel and Resort Association  
Bill Kordenbrock representing EDS  
Brad Ward representing the Michigan Association of Realtors  
Jamie Callahan representing the Traverse City Area Chamber and the Northwest Michigan Regional Chambers Alliance (written testimony also)  
Rebecca Park representing the Michigan Farm Bureau (written testimony also)  
Aaron Peterson representing Peterson Farms (written testimony also)  
Peter Kuhnmuensch representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan (written testimony also)  
Dan Smith representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce (written testimony also)  
Harrel Scarcello representing Interior Design & Space Planning (written testimony)  
Rita Van Keymeulen representing Creative Office Designs (written testimony)  
Jerome Somalski representing Bay Landscaping (written testimony)  
Americans for Tax Reform (written testimony)

Scott Schrager representing the Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony in opposition of the repeal of the service tax. Mr. Schrager then answered questions from committee members.

Senator McManus motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-1 to SB838.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, McManus, and Jansen

Pass: Prusi, Jacobs, and Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gilbert moved, and Senator McManus seconded, that the committee report SB838 (S-1) with favorable recommendation and Immediate Effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, McManus, and Jansen

Pass: Prusi, Jacobs, and Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Clerk

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Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee